



## MCLB Albany takes home multiple awards from United Way campaign

Story and photos by  
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MCLB ALBANY PAO

The United Way of Southwest Georgia awards ceremony was held Feb. 2 at the First United Methodist Church in Albany, Ga. The "dutch-treat" styled luncheon recognized the efforts and contributions of organizations in the Albany area that presented significant results in various areas such as largest contributor per percentage of employees and most improved contributors with respect to previous year results.

The ceremony produced a multitude of accolades for MCLB Albany with regard to its generous Combined Federal Campaign contributions to this organization. In addition to being recognized for individual section awards, MCLB Albany received an overall honor award for their involvement with the United Way of Southwest Georgia. The CFC is one of many campaigns that were conducted during the last quarter of 2003 here.



**Quan Williams accepting on behalf of Maintenance Center Albany for the highest percentage attained for projections over \$6,000.**



**Bob Bryant accepting the United Way Award for MCLB Albany PAO for the highest percentage attained under a \$1,000.**



**Col. Joseph R. Wingard, commanding officer, MCLB Albany, addresses attendees at the Albany Area United Way Awards ceremony. Col. Wingard currently serves on the United Way board of directors.**



**Capt. Vincent J. Lazar, financial management officer, Business Performance Office, accepts the United Way award on behalf of the MCLB Albany Resource Management Office for the highest percentage attained for projections between \$1,000 and \$6,000.**



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## Exercise your right Vote 2004

EMBLEM STAFF

It's that time again, when the wheels of democracy are about to complete another revolution. It is time for those of us who have defended our country to exercise one of our most cherished freedoms, our right to vote.

I encourage all Marines, Civilian Marines and their eligible family members to exercise your Constitutional right to vote.

Today's world is complicated, and it requires strong leadership. Our duty as U.S. citizens should be to exercise our right to VOTE. As Marines, we make Marines, win battles, and return responsible citizens. Voting is a duty of citizenship. Let's make sure our Marines and Marine families have the knowledge and opportunity to exercise their right. Our Country, Our Leaders, Our Choice! VOTE!

Voting Assistance Officers are Marine leaders appointed by their commanders to educate, train, and inform members of the command and their families about voting procedures. Commanders will support and encourage the efforts of VAOs and ensure adequate time is provided for training. With the active support of commanders, VAOs can ensure that all Marines, Civilian Marines, and eligible family members will have the information they need to exercise their right to VOTE.

VAOs should ensure they achieve 100% contact with all Marines within their area of responsibility and ensure that there are enough Federal Post Card Applications on hand and Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots for deployed units. VAOs should also ensure that voting information is widely disseminated. Statistics have indicated that particular attention should be given to our junior service members, E-1's through E-3's, particularly those who fall between the ages of 18-24. Voting information should be forwarded electronically, as much as feasible, and posted on bulletin boards throughout the unit. VAOs should conduct voting assistance and information events throughout the year, especially during Armed Forces Voters' Week.

This should include local activities publicizing upcoming elections, See Voting— Page 2

## NMCI is up, operating on MCLB

**CAPT. ARTHUR DAVIDSON JR.**  
NMCI BRANCH CHIEF

The time has finally come. NMCI is here and in full swing. What does this mean to you, our customer?

This means that you will have 24 hours a day/7 days a week help desk support, faster network speed, and larger data storage space.

Some of you may have already noticed some of the NMCI team members in your area surveying where printers are going to be placed as well as "cutting seats over" from the old legacy network to the new NMCI network.

For the next few months we will continue to cut over seats to the NMCI network.

Some important things to remember are that the computers that are currently on your desk are property of Electronic Data Service and are not to be moved unless a request has been submitted and approved. If approved, a member of the NMCI team will move the computer as requested.

This allows us to track where each computer is located.

Also no additional Software Add/Change forms are being accepted until further notice.

This is due to the time and the steps required for making

seats ready for "cut over."

In addition, the print solution is a *service*. The number and quantity of printers provided is solely an NMCI decision as long as it meets the requirements.

The exact location of the printers is dependent upon certain architectural guidelines and any changes must be requested in writing.

If a printer is placed in accordance with NMCI guidelines, NMCI pays for the wall plug service for the network.

Printer ratios are based upon "normal" seat holder usage.

If there is an organization that has high print production or special requirements, the customer must order additional printers from Contract Line Item Number 0023.

The following are terms and conditions for NMCI Printers and their maintenance:

- The customer is responsible for providing all consumables (toner cartridges, paper, maintenance kits, etc.). NMCI is responsible for physically replacing toner cartridges and installing the maintenance kits. Customer is responsible for replacing paper.

Note: In some cases the customer is willing to replace the toner cartridges and NMCI will not discourage this pro-

vided the customer has been given sufficient direction on how to accomplish this.

- Not all printers will be networked. Where there is a sufficient number of staff on a single location and appropriate network infrastructure exists, a network printer will be provided to allow for remote monitoring, management and most efficient allocation of resources.

In cases where this does not exist, desktop color printers will be provided and directly connected to the PC.

- Power plug-ins/receptacles and furniture on which to place the printers are to be provided by the customer.

- CLIN 0023 is exclusively for the customer to order additional printers above and beyond those provided by NMCI. CLIN 0023 is also designed for more specialized printers as well as multi-function printers.

- All supported workstations must be within the same physical plane and not separated by ceilings, floors and true walls (a "true wall" is a wall without a door in it). The workstations must also be executable without causing a safety hazard situation or security compromise.

Again, this is a team effort and we do appreciate you, the customer, for doing your part to help make this a successful

## New food service for MCLB Albany



CPL. ANDREW P. ROUFFS

**(Above) The line formed during lunch time at Gianotti's. (Below) Wendall Hall, a civilian contractor with Slone contractors, buys a muffin from Theresa Barbetta-Gianotti. Gianotti's is located in the east parking lot of Bldg. 3600.**



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A Few Good Words



LCDR ROGER RICHARDS  
COMMAND CHAPLAIN

Clarification:  
‘I don’t  
deserve this’  
article

It has come to my attention that there were some readers who may have been offended by my Emblem article on Feb. 5. I want to assure you that my intent was not to offend anyone. The person in the article is a Chaplain on another base. The lawsuit mentioned in the article is one that a group of chaplains have filed against the Navy and the Chaplain Corps, claiming denominational bias and religious discrimination. I was asked to join the lawsuit five years ago, but declined for religious and spiritual reasons. I understand the feelings associated with not being selected for a position of greater responsibility. I can easily understand the anger and frustration of those not selected. I have been writing these articles for three and a half years and I had hoped that the readers understood after this long length of time that I would never intentionally write an article that I thought would be so sensitive. The format of the article normally takes a personal anecdote and tries to draw a spiritual or moral lesson from it. I was not trying to judge anyone who is involved in a lawsuit, but rather to simply state the religious principle of mercy and grace. If my writing did not make that clear enough to the readers so that my intent was misunderstood...I am sincerely sorry. Please be assured that I understand that all my articles are intended to reflect my views as a Southern Baptist Minister and if I have caused embarrassment to you or other members of the LogCom family, please accept my sincere apology. Semper Fi in the Lord, and I hope to see you in church on Sunday.

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COMMAND RELIGIOUS PROGRAM  
WORSHIP INFORMATION

Sunday School . . . . . 9 a.m.  
Divine Services . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
For more information, call the Base Chapel at 639-5282. For emergencies, call the Officer of the Day at 639-5206.

**Voting** ————— **From Page 1**  
focusing on the importance of voting, and procedures required to obtain and properly fill out absentee ballots to participate in the democratic process.

VAOs should ensure each eligible individual is afforded the opportunity to receive voting assistance as requested. This should include assistance with all types of elections to include municipal, primary, and the federal/presidential elections. This assistance will include absentee voting training for service members, especially for those service members preparing for deployment, as well as, for those in recruit training. The Federal Voting Assistance Program will be hosting voting workshops at various military installations.

While much of our focus is on active duty service members, we should not fail to also do all we can to facilitate the rights of our family members to exercise their right to vote. Family members may have a direct interest and wish to become involved in and vote on issues in their home state that may affect their future in their state or the welfare of their children.

The Marine Corps web site has more information that can assist VAOs as well as provide information for Marines, eligible family members and civilians. Visit Web site [www.manpower.usmc.mil](http://www.manpower.usmc.mil), select ‘Personal and Family Readiness’ and then select ‘voting’.

You may also contact the Service Voting Action Officer for the Marine Corps, Gunnery Sergeant Kenneth B. Warford at (703) 784-9511, DSN 278-9511 or via email at: [warfordkb@manpower.usmc.mil](mailto:warfordkb@manpower.usmc.mil).

Crossroads Restaurant Menu

<b>Today</b> Soup of the Day Express Lunch Grilled & fried pork chops Homemade Brunswick stew Mashed potatoes Steamed rice Okra gumbo Lima beans & ham Yeast rolls Banana pudding Salad bar	Closed - President’s Day
<b>Friday</b> <i>(Valentine Day Special)</i> Soup of the Day Minestrone soup Carved steamship round of beef Flounder stuffed with crab Scalloped potatoes Garlic mashed potatoes Honey glazed baby carrots Green beans Almondine Yeast rolls & butter Red velvet cake Salad bar	<b>Tuesday</b> Soup of the Day Express Lunch Smothered chicken breast Braised beef with gravy Buttered noodles Steamed rice Broccoli with cheese sauce Corn O’Brien Rolls & butter Salad bar
<b>Monday</b>  Lunch Buffet & Lunch Buffet Takeout — \$5.95 Soup & Salad and Soup & Salad Takeout — \$3.95 (add dessert \$4.95) Express Lunch — \$3.95 Hours of Operation — Mon. - Fri., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<b>Wednesday</b> Soup of the Day Express Lunch Sesame chicken wings Grilled ham steak Steamed rice Black-eyed peas Spicy fried cabbage Rolls & butter Salad bar

50th anniversary of Brown vs. the Board of Education

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*Editor’s note: Reprinted with permission from Web site Black-History Month.net*

Linda Brown was a young, black girl in the fifth grade who had to ride the bus five miles to school each day although a public school was only 4 blocks from her home.

Although she met all requirements to attend school, she was denied admission into this white elementary school. The NAACP took up her case, along with similar ones in Kansas, South Carolina, Virginia, and Delaware. Thurgood Marshall, a black lawyer and head of the NAACP, argued the five cases together. Marshall wrote that states had no valid reason to impose segregation; that racial separation — no matter how equal the facilities — caused psychological damage to

black children, and that “restrictions or distinctions based upon race or color” violated the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

On May 17, 1954, in the case of Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka, Ks., the U.S. Supreme Court ended federally sanctioned racial segregation in public schools by ruling unanimously that “separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.” This case overturned the precedent of Plessy vs. Ferguson (1896), which had declared “separate but equal facilities” constitutional, but also provided the legal foundation of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s.

Although widely perceived as a revolutionary decision, Brown was in fact the culmination of changes both in the court and in the strategies of the Civil Rights movement.



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**A picture of two unidentified students taken in a Fort Meyer, Virginia school Sept. 8, 1954.**

The opinion, written by Chief Justice Earl Warren, was short and straightforward. It echoed Marshall’s expert witnesses, stating that, for African-American schoolchildren, segregation “generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely to ever be undone.”

The decision went on to say that segregation had no valid purpose, was imposed to give blacks lower status and was therefore unconstitutional based on the Fourteenth Amendment. The Supreme Court’s decision regarding education in America for all children is likely the greatest social and ideological event that has ever happened.



CPL. ISAAC PACHECO

Traditional honors

**Units throughout Marine Corps Logistics base promoted Marines in formations like the one above on Feb. 2. Here, Sgt. Robert D'Aveta speaks to his platoon after being promoted and presented with a Noncommissioned officer sword.**

Leave donations requests for employee emergencies

The Annual Leave Transfer Program may be used by employees to request to become annual leave recipients if they or a member of their family suffers a medical emergency. To donate annual leave submit an Optical Form 630-A.

- **Carl Simpson**, an employee of Fleet Support Division, needs leave donations for surgery. Call Cheryl Honeck at 639-5835.
- **Daniel A. Wentzell Jr.**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for illness. Call Veronica Ferros at 639-5379 for further details.
- **Edgar Cole**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for surgery. Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.
- **Gerald Wells**, an employee of the Supply Chain Management Center, needs leave donations for an illness. Call Georgia Olson at 639-6534.
- **Beryl W. Brown**, an employee of Fleet Support Division, needs leave donations for recuperation from auto accident. Call Sherrie Kuck at 639-5881.
- **Kimberly Vidal**, an employee of Logistics Operations, needs leave donations due to illness. Call Barbara Akers at 639-5565.
- **Karel Giese**, an employee of the Business Performance Office, needs leave donations for illness. Call Karen Phillips at 639-7161.
- **Robert A. Dickerson**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations due to illness. Call Thomas Newton at 639-6348.
- **Tracy Jo Singletary**, an employee of SCMC, needs leave donations to care for family member. Call Zelda M. Collier at 639-5748.
- **Ruth J. Bailey**, an employee of Installation and Logistics Division, needs leave donations for surgery. Call Diane McCall at 639-5652.
- **Dottie A. Tucker**, an employee of SCMC, needs leave donations to care for family member. Call Jeanette Bell at 639-8213.
- **Jerome W. Vick**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for surgery. Call Mack Prater at 639-5796.
- **Kenneth E. Shiver**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations to care for family member. Call 639-2555.
- **Frank Laster**, an employee of Fleet Support Division, needs leave donations for recuperation. Call Sherry Kuck at 639-5881.
- **Sandra P. Ellerson**, an employee of the Resource Management Division, needs leave donations due to illness. Call Sandy Rickett at 639-7013.
- **Reid E. Merritt**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations to care for family member. Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.
- **Linda D. Scott**, an employee of SCMC, needs leave donations for recuperation. Call 639-2555.
- **Cynthia A. Howard**, an employee of Marine Corps Systems Command, needs leave donations for recuperation from surgery. Call Ron Howard at 639-7355.
- **Glenda S. Lanier**, an employee of Fleet Support Division, needs leave donations care of family member. Call Sherrie Kuck at 639-5881.

For more information on the program, call 639-5228.

### Base Theater Schedule

**FRIDAY - FEB. 13**  
7 p.m. -- *Peter Pan*, rated PG — Jeremy Sumpter, Jason Isaacs, Lynn Redgrave, Ludivine Sagnier, Olivia Williams

**SATURDAY - FEB. 14**  
1 p.m. -- *Peter Pan (Matinee)*, rated PG — Jeremy Sumpter, Jason Isaacs, Lynn Redgrave, Ludivine Sagnier, Olivia Williams

7 p.m. -- *Lord of the Rings: Return of the King*, rated PG13 — Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen

**WEDNESDAY - FEB. 18**  
7 p.m. -- *Mona Lisa Smile*, rated PG13 — Julia Roberts, Julia Stiles, Kristen Dunst, Juliet Stevenson, Maggie Gyllenhaal

### Free Admission

Hot Dog .....	\$ .75	Large soda .....	\$1.00
Sausage .....	\$ 1.00	Small soda .....	\$ .75
Nachos .....	\$ 1.00	Large popcorn....	\$ 1.50
Candy .....	\$ .50	Med. popcorn ....	\$ 1.00
Slim Jims .....	\$ .75	Small popcorn ...	\$ .75

### Community Briefs

— Marine Corps Logistics Command will host a Logistics PME on Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. in the Base Theatre. Officers, SNCOs and GS-13 and above are invited. The questions-and-answer forum will consist of Operation Iraqi Freedom panelist experts who will discuss the lessons learned during the conflict and possible changes for the future.

— Learn the secrets to successful parenting at the new Parent Support Program’s Mom’s Basic Training & Daddy’s Boot Camp Feb. 17. A great class for new and expecting parents. Call 639-5267 to register.

— A Predeparture Brief is scheduled for Feb. 18. Class will be held at the Base Chapel Annex from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Register by calling 639-5277.

— Varsity softball tryouts will be held Feb. 18 & 19, and, Feb. 23 - 26 at Couch Field. Tryouts start at 5 p.m. For more information, call the gym at 639-5246.

— Don’t miss out on what is available on MCLB. A Welcome Aboard Orientation is being offered by the Personal Services Branch Feb. 19 starting at 8 a.m. Call 639-5277 for more information.

— There will be a Single Marine Program Talent Show in the Enlisted Lounge Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5. The show is open to all ranks. There will be prizes for 1st and 2nd place. Call 639-6611 for more information.

— The Georgia Veterans Dualthon 3.1 mile run and 13.6 mile biking at Lake Blackshear is Mar. 6. To register call 639-7150.

— The Common Access Card issuance deadline is extended until Mar. 22. Pass & ID hours are 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri. Call 639-5100 for details.

## The Emblem

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# Marines go all out in support of local elementary school



During the questions and answer portion of his presentation, 1st Sgt. Anthony Wade gives a Mock Elementary student the opportunity to voice his question about the Marine Corps.

Story and photos by  
**CPL. ISAAC PACHECO**  
*EMBLEM STAFF*

Two of Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany’s top enlisted Marines recently stepped out into the community and helped change the lives of some local elementary school students.

First Sgt. Anthony Wade, first sergeant, Headquarters Battalion, and Master Sgt. Donnie Baggs, chief base inspector, MCLB Albany, turned Albany’s Mock Road Elementary School auditorium into a motivation-filled learning center when they gave thought provoking presentations to the students and faculty there Jan. 30th.

The school invited Baggs, a chairperson in the Parent Teacher Organization and mentor program president, to give a motivational speech affirming the new Bringing Up Grades program.

The B.U.G.S. program reinforces the positive aspects of improving poor grades and rewards students who maintain good ones.

“The B.U.G.S. program uses incentives to help us motivate the students to do better in school,” said Susan Hart, Mock Road Elementary School B.U.G.S. chairperson. “To qualify (the students) have to bring up at least one grade and none of their grades can drop from their previous semester.”

Baggs accepted the invita-



Students return the favor when Master Sgt. Donnie Baggs shouts out a motivated “Ooh Rah”.

tion and also extended one to Wade, to show the Marine spirit and communicate the importance of education to the students in a humorous way.

“I came here to motivate these kids to bring up their grades,” Wade explained. “Kids need to have positive role models. They need more than the actors and entertainers on television. They need to have role models in the community.”

Decked out in dress blues, the two Marines strode into the school’s auditorium like superheroes and delivered words of encouragement and congratulations to the students who had taken up the B.U.G.S. challenge.

Baggs explained to the students how Marines yell, “Ooh rah” when they’re motivated and, much to the chagrin of the teachers, he encouraged the kids to do the same.

In between these shouts of motivation, Wade offered blurbs of wisdom about the importance of loving one another, and humorous anecdotes about Marine Corps life.

“I’ve been in the Marine Corps a long time and seen a lot of motivating things,” Wade said, “but nothing motivates me more than coming out here and seeing these kids studying hard and being successful.”

Student, teachers, and many Marines seem to agree that

mentorship programs such as this one and community interaction with the students will have a direct effect on the students’ learning potential.

“Anything the Marines on base can do with the kids really helps,” said Hart. “We can always use more (Marines) to join in our mentorship program.”

## What the kids were saying ...



**Derryck Davis, 4th Grade**  
“I liked it because I’ve never seen a Marine up close. I liked their uniforms.”



**D’Andre Taylor, 4th Grade**  
“I think it was neat how they told us all the cool stuff they have at Marine bases.”



**Kimberly Staples, 4th Grade**  
“I thought it was wonderful to meet Marines. My favorite part was saying ‘Ooh Rah.’”



**Tierra Bridges, 4th Grade**  
“It was a nice presentation. I think Marines are nice. They talked in complete sentences.”





TONY RAWLS

MCLB Albany Marines of the Quarter selected

(Left) Selected as Marine of the Quarter is Lance Cpl. James A. Carter, admin clerk, S-1. (Right) Sgt. Lucas A. Crider, 3432 Internal Controls NCO, Disbursing, HQBN was selected as the NCO of the Quarter.

MCLB Albany Black History Month Celebration

National Black History Month is observed Feb. 1 through Feb. 29. The theme of this year’s observance is “Brown vs. Board of Education - 50th Anniversary.” The purpose of this observance is to increase awareness and understanding of African-Americans and to honor their contributions to society.

As a component of the command’s Equal Employment Opportunity Program, the Black History Month program will celebrate with the following activities:

**Luncheon** — Feb 18, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Crossroads Banquet Facility

**Guest speaker** — Dr. Joshua Murfree, Chair, Psychology, Sociology and Social Work Department, Albany State University; Director, Center of African-American Males; National Chair, Mentoring for 100 Black Men of America Program.

**Art Display & Music** — Feb. 26, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Crossroads Banquet Facility featuring artwork and musical selections highlighting local base talents (walk through format).

Additionally, posters and flyers will be distributed and posted on bulletin boards and all-hands e-mails dispatched to ensure all Base personnel have the opportunity to learn more about the African-American culture and contributions to this nation’s history and development.

For more information, contact Barbara Whaley at 639-5250.

CHPD seeks Corps’ finest

Capt. Don Harkey will be on base Feb 18 between 9 - 11 a.m. in Classroom 1 of Bldg. 3500 to recruit personnel for careers with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C. Police Department. Individuals must be at least 21 years of age, a high school graduate or have a GED; be able to obtain a North Carolina driver’s license; be a U.S. citizen with no felony convictions; have an honorable discharge; pass an extensive background investigation including polygraph examination, psychological screening, medical exam and drug test. Call 639-5426 to register.

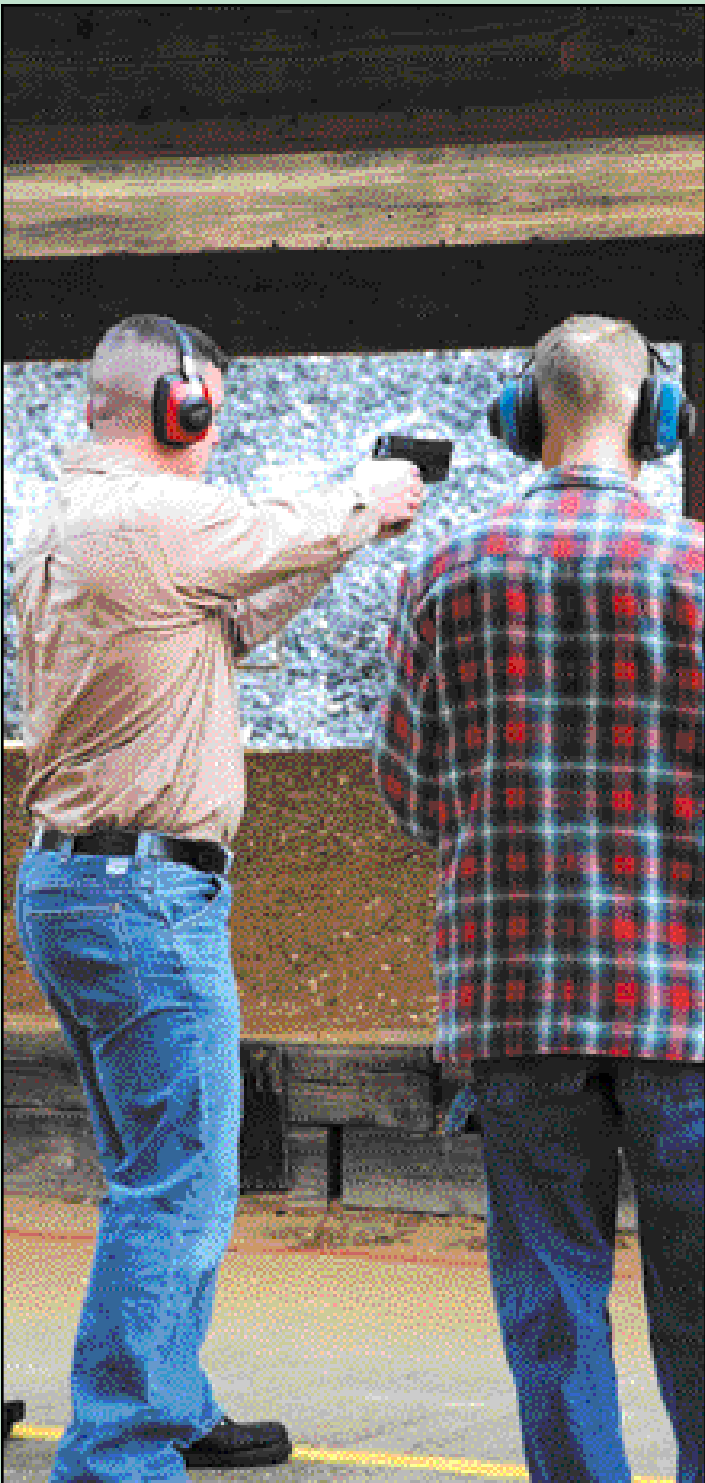
Kindergarten Lottery close to deadline

The final day to register students for the Kindergarten Lottery at Lincoln Elementary Magnet School and Lamar Reese School of Arts is Friday, Feb. 13. Applications are being taken at both school offices from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily.

The Kindergarten Lottery will be Mar. 15 at 2 p.m. in each school’s cafeteria.

Parents may continue to register students for grades 1-5 until May 21, 2004.

The Bowling Pin Shoot-out



CPL. ANDREW P. ROUFS

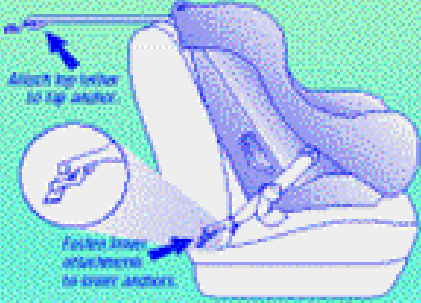
Sgt. Aaron Powell, computer programmer, SYSCOM, shoots at bowling pins during a pistol competition aboard MCLB Albany, Ga.

MCLB Albany Safetygram

The Simple Facts About LATCH.

Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children

- LATCH is a new system that makes child safety seat installation easier—without using seat belts. LATCH is required on most child safety seats and vehicles manufactured after September 1, 2002.
- LATCH is not required for booster seats, car beds and beds.
- Attachments on a LATCH-equipped child safety seat fasten to anchors in a LATCH-equipped vehicle.
- Most LATCH-equipped vehicles have anchors in the right and left rear seat positions. If the center seat doesn't have anchors, you can still install your child safety seat using a seat belt.
- If your vehicle isn't LATCH-equipped, use the seat belt and, if available, a top tether.



- If your child safety seat isn't LATCH-equipped, it's still safe if it has been correctly installed using a seat belt, hasn't been recalled, and hasn't been damaged.
- For correct installation and use of ALL child safety seats, ALWAYS follow your vehicle owner's manual and child safety seat manufacturer's instructions.
- Remember, children are safest when properly restrained in the back seat.

For a child safety seat inspection by a certified technician, call 1-866-SEAT-CHECK or visit [www.seatcheck.org](http://www.seatcheck.org). For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

As part of Child Passenger Safety Week 2004, Risk Management Office, PMO, MCCS, and the Albany Safe Community will hold a Child Passenger Installation Clinic today from 1000 to 1300 hours at the Base Exchange Parking Lot (Bldg 7500).

Financial aid offered

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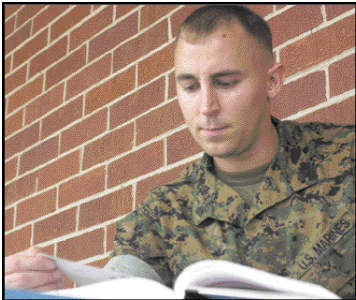
The Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany Chapter of the National Naval Officers Association is pleased to offer two \$1,000 scholarships to the graduating high school class of 2004.

Winners of the scholarship will be based upon academic achievement and leadership displayed in the school and community.

High school seniors who plan to be a student at an accredited 2 or 4-year institution during the Fall 2004 semester are eligible.

Deadline for application submission is March 30.

Applications are available online at the MCLB Albany web site and the offices of all guidance coun-



FILE PHOTO

sors of all Albany high schools.

The scholarships will be awarded at our 9th Annual Scholarship Banquet.

The banquet is currently scheduled for May 1, 2004.

For more information contact Capt. Parker at 639-7218, or send an email to [parkerld@logcom.usmc.mil](mailto:parkerld@logcom.usmc.mil).



# Speed, skill driving - ‘Drifting’ drifts into Iwakuni

LANCE CPL. RUBEN CALDERON  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**MCAS IWAKUNI, Japan —** A new phenomenon is taking over the American subculture and soon its pop-culture. It is an art, as enthusiasts of this new found sport call it.

It is called “drifting.” The sport is still becoming popular in the States although it has been in Japan for quite a while.

“Drifting is not racing. It’s hard to explain,” said Jordan Hatter, part-time mechanic and full-time drifter.

The very essence of drifting is negotiating curves in a manner where the vehicle uses more momentum to turn than punching on the brake pedal, said Hatter.

“The ideal cars to use in drifting have a manual transmission, light, rear wheel-drive and have a low, stiff suspension. Driver’s can spend more than \$4,000 to soup up their cars,” Hatter added.

The sport is illegal to do on public roads, but being that it is a multimillion dollar medium in

Japan, courses are available to drift on.

In Japan, there are organizations that hold competitions for drifting. Track officials have many safety standards for drivers. Helmets and racing harnesses must be worn, as well as seat belts.

In these competitions, drivers are judged on style and speed. The idea of drifting is to travel through turns using the weight of the vehicle and to use traction to slow down. The weight of the car shifts forward while negotiating a turn.

Meanwhile traction is lost at the rear wheels, causing the car to slide. Steering in the direction the car is sliding and administering the right amount of acceleration, or “popping the clutch,” comes into play when traction is lost. This causes the car to “drift,” Hatter said.

“What ruins the sport and gives it a bad name is when people drift on roads and not in controlled environments and get into accidents. That shows the bad side and that’s mainly what people see,” Hatter said.

Hatter is a 19-year-old mechanic who lives here. He is a proud mechanic and drifter. The blond-Mohawk haired teen has been drifting for over three years and has his own modified Nissan S-13 Silvia, which he uses to “drift.”

Another perspective was offered by Lance Cpl. Matthew Durant, accident investigator, Provost Marshal’s Office, following a “drifting” accident involving personnel from MCAS Iwakuni. No serious injury occurred in the accident but it still managed to taint the sport.

“The whole point of “driftng” is to lose traction and slide. The driver is not in complete control,” Durant said. “The car is going at a high speed. You go fast enough to lose control.”

Hatter responded, saying learning how to “drift” a car is technical and dangerous. Drivers should practice “drifting” in a safe and controlled environment.

“People should know that “drifting” is very dangerous,” Hatter said. “That’s why there are courses to practice on.”



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**A Nissan Skyline drifts past a curve on a mock course made of cones in an empty parking lot. “Having controlled environments to drift is a safe way to drift,” mechanic and drifter, Jordan Hatter said.**

## Civilian professional training offered at MCLB

The Strategic Development Division is offering a professional development course on “Situational Leadership” Feb. 25 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the CHRO classroom facility.

The training is being offered as part of the Civilian Leadership Program and will enable participants to demonstrate and encourage high standards of behavior and adapt leadership styles to people and situations.

The target audience is current CLD participants and any employee, GS-7 and above who are interested in improving their leadership skills and participating in civilian leadership development.

- The topics of discussion will be:
- How to encourage high standards
  - Guides to common goals
  - Leading through different situations
  - Encouraging good behavior

The goal of the Marine Corps in implementing Civilian Leadership Development is to enhance the leadership skills and competencies of civilian employees. Civilian Leadership Development is based on developing competencies through a variety of activities. All employees (civilian GS/wage grade and non-appropriated fund personnel) will have an opportunity to participate in the program.

There are 30 seats available. If you would like to participate in the CLD program and attend this training with your supervisor’s approval, notify the Strategic Development Division at 639-5297.

## ‘Customer Service’ video course offered

The Strategic Development Division continues its Friday video series tomorrow showing “Six Cardinal Rules of Customer Service.” Showtimes are 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 639-5297 to reserve a seat.

# STAP beats HQBN in the last seconds 54 - 53



HQBN's Daryl Walker soars past STAP's Eric Richards while attempting to make a lay-up.

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The Special Training Allowance Pool team gave the Headquarters Battalion team a run for their money Feb. 4, as STAP came away with a one point victory made on a foul shot with 15 seconds left in the game.

In the first four minutes, the game seemed to be one sided as HQBN held STAP from making any baskets until STAP's Eric Richards went to the line and made both his foul shots to put STAP on the board.

Even though HQBN tried to maintain their strong defense and offense, STAP took advantage of HQBN's weakening defense and, with six minutes remaining in the half, narrowed the score to a two point HQBN lead.

"It was a close battle between two good teams," said Daryl

Walker, HQBN. "I think that we had a good idea about what was suppose to happen in the last minute of the game. STAP played some good defense in the last minute and held on to their one point lead."

The second half of the game was in the hands of STAP as they came out quickly and made a quick two-pointer and two three-pointers giving them a four-point lead.

They also brought their defense up a notch and held HQBN from scoring any points for the first three minutes.

STAP maintained their four-point lead until STAP's Tyler Wineinger committed a technical foul and allowed HQBN to tie the game back up at 45.

The game remained close as both sides made critical baskets and the key players stepped up.

HQBN's Daryl Walker stepped it up in the second half to make 18 of his 28 points to keep the game

close. But STAP's Wineinger took control in the paint scoring 10 points.

It wasn't until there were 15 seconds left on the clock that STAP's Richards was sent to the line and made one of his two free throw shots giving STAP the one point lead, 54-53.


"I would just like to say that our players showed great resilience in the game," said Terrence Brown, STAP. "We had to fight hard these past two games, but a win is a win."

HQBN has not able to get the ball down court in time and make a basket to win the game.

"I think it was a very exciting game and it could have went either way as far as who the victor would be," said STAP's Cornelious Martin. "Our teams seemed to be evenly matched which is usually a sign that it will be a "keep you on the edge of your seat" type of game."



Jamarcus Robinson goes up for a lay-up while being surrounded by STAP players.



**Week 5 Scores**

STAP over C-4, 69-68

GME over Drummers, 65-31

Civilian over C-4, 76-58

STAP over HQBN, 54-53



Jamarcus Robinson (left) and Tyler Wineinger face each other in the jump ball to start off the game between HQBN and STAP.